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From: dolores rivas
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, Apr 26, 2003 11:04 AM
Subject: No competition in San Francisco Area Radio

I just heard last night the the FCC will be conducting hearings today on the lack of competition in the San Francisco Bay Area radio area. Had I known sooner I would have made it a point to be there. I am so sick of hearing "this is a Clear Channel station" on every radio station that I have given up listening to the radio. How did the FCC allow so many licenses to one company? Why is this monopoly allowed to go on? Who owns Clear Channel and what are they paying to get all of this power? I am totally opposed to having any geographic area served by one interest and I hope the FCC will act on the complaints being received.

From: bjh
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, Apr 26, 2003 1:20 PM
Subject: Media ownership rules

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The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

In addition, I strongly encourage the Commission to hold hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions.

Thank you,

Beverly Hartsfield
Lake Oswego, OR 97035

From: Michael Rossman
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, Apr 26, 2003 3:18 PM
Subject: Vote against further media "deregulation"

Please vote against further relaxation of rules regulating media ownership. The concentration of ownership and media control is proudly anti-democratic.

Michael Rossman
Arcata, California

From: Jay Janson
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, Apr 26, 2003 4:11 PM
Subject: Please don't sell out the citizens in the whole world to corporate conglomerate entertainment/info i

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From: Cynthia Collingwood
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, Apr 26, 2003 4:30 PM
Subject: Consolidation

I would like to express my opinion about the possibility of further consolidation in the communications industry. I believe that the strength of our democracy rests in the accessibility of diverse opinions and information. Monopolies in the communications industry decrease access to that information and to those opinions. I strongly recommend against any regulations which further consolidate ownership in communications media. The airwaves belong to the people of the United States, and they deserve the broadest possible access to a wide range of media sources, which supports the continued strength of our democracy. Having only a few corporations controlling our main sources of communications is a threat to the democracy we treasure.

Respectfully,

Cynthia Collingwood, PhD
Olympia, WA

From: Patrick Sumner
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, Apr 26, 2003 5:45 PM
Subject: review

Dear Kathleen Q. Abernathy,

I've been listening to the public hearings that are taking place today in San Francisco regarding the upcoming FCC biennial regulatory review and I wanted to add my own comments

The Air Waves belong to the public, not the private sector. Media consolidation must be tightly regulated so that a diverse range of views are available. A healthy society is one where the many voices that comprise that society have free access to all media both in terms of what they can hear, see and read, and what they can say, show and write. Corporate media does not provide this. Year by year the range of what can be found in the media has gotten narrower and narrower as a result of media mergers and consolidation and you guys are letting that happen. Shame on you, you work for us, not the large corporations. More and more ordinary citizens like myself are finally waking up to this fact and it's time all of you wake up as well.

In closing I want to repeat myself. The Air Waves belong to the public, it is something we all own in common, and you work for the public, remember that.

Respectfully,

Patrick Sumner
Ordinary Citizen

From: Christopher Pearson
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, Apr 26, 2003 6:22 PM
Subject: deregulation vote, june 2nd

I am writing to express my deep concern over the potential vote on June 2nd to relax ownership concentration rules of the media. There has been no serious public discussion on this vital issue. The American people deserve more from our government. I ask that you postpone this decision until you have at least engaged in a broad public debate so you can hear from the citizens you serve before bowing to the corporate media's desire to further monopolize our already shaky "free" press.

Thank you,

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From: Grace Cooper
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, Apr 26, 2003 7:51 PM
Subject: Oligopoly

Oligopoly is what we will have, almost have now, in the area of information dissemination and access. If it were not for the internet, many of us would hear only what the powers-that-be want us to hear. There are now, I believe, about 5 major corporations that own and operate our television/cable networks. If you are not careful, they will be able to keep from us ALL information that these million or billion-dollar corporations find unacceptable or uncomfortable. Where will we find out about drugs that are dangerous, or politicians that are basically selling us out? It used to be that, in the newspaper business, any major city had at least three or four daily newspapers; no more. Sacramento, where I live, has only one paper. It is a good one, but it does not publish the kind of news that I can get on the internet.

My understanding was that the FCC agency is responsible for making sure that our public airwaves, television channels, etc. are NOT controlled by just a few entities. Right now we have very limited access to news that is not filtered through the prejudices of Rupert Murdoch, or Time/Warner/AOL, Disney, General Electric...and any of the other, if there are any other, corporations that now have taken control over our access to news and information and entertainment. Please do your job; the nation cannot survive with controlled news. We will have become a money and corporation-controlled nation; we just about are now. I do not think that is what our founders meant when they wrote "freedom of the press" into our Constitution. Or, we could say "freedom of speech". If Fox News had its way, we would only hear its version of "Fair and balanced"...now that's a laugh.

If you allow any further consolidation and monopolization of our country's communication networks you will have sold our heritage, and we will be well on our way to 1984, a la Orwell, or 1933 a la Adolf Hitler. Surely, you are intelligent people and good citizens, too. Please do not shut us out of the available information by giving control to just a few. You know full well what will happen if you do.

sincerely, grace cooper, Sacramento, California

CC: William T. Cooper

From: Mary Alvord
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, Apr 26, 2003 9:30 PM
Subject: Media Ownership

Gentlepeople;

We are greatly disturbed at the the concentration of media on the airwaves and urge you to do all you can to make it impossible for media conglomerates to own more than 20% of the stations in any market. Our country is becoming an oligarchy with the present trends continuing unchecked.

Please do all you can to ensure equal access for all points of view and keep the airwaves for the people.

Thank you

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From: Frank Passaro
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, Apr 26, 2003 9:49 PM
Subject: Media Concentration: reply to public comments

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Frank Passaro, Jr.